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HARD FOUGHT FREEZE VOTE DUE WEDNESDAY
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A leader of the House drive for a nuclear freeze resolution, telling his colleagues 'the whole world is watching,' Monday warned President Reagan will go all out to stop the arms cut plan.

Senators, scientists and religious leaders all called on the House to approve the resolution, set for a vote Wednesday, which backs 'a mutual and verifiable freeze on and reductions in nuclear weapons.'

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The House Foreign Affairs committee approved a similar resolution last year but it failed by two votes to pass the House after a personal lobbying effort by Reagan. Last week's 27-9 vote came despite last-ditch opposition lobbying by the administration.

Sen. Edward

Kennedy said he hoped a favorable House vote would persuade the Senate, where support is less strong, to pass a freeze resolution of its own.

Noting the Senate version now has 34 sponsors compared with 17 last year, he said passage still is 'an uphill battle' but, 'I am absolutely convinced we will ultimately be successful.'

Other participants at the news conference included former CIA Director William Colby; Dr. Jeremy Stone, director of the Federation of American Scientists, and Mike Farrell of 'M-A-S-H' fame, a leader in the successful freeze vote in California last November.

Colby called it a 'paradox' that the administration claims a freeze would not be verifiable when a report it released last week on the 'Soviet threat' contained mountains of evidence of Soviet weapons systems.

'It is precisely a freeze which would stop further buildup of weapons by our two countries,' he said.

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Other participants at the news conference were Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore., a sponsor with Kennedy of the Senate freeze resolution; Rep. James Leach, R-Iowa; Bishop P. Francis Murphy, auxiliary bishop of Baltimore; Bishop Frederick Wertz of the Washington area United Methodist Church; Rabbi Walter Wurzbarger, president of the Synagogue Council of America; Dr. Helen Caldicott, president of the Physicians for Social Responsibility; Dr. Jerome Wiesner, president emeritus of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and science advisor to John Kennedy, and Randall Kehler, executive director of the National Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign which sponsored a freeze demonstration last week on Capitol Hill.

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